[Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail.]

(*b*) how many Inspectors have been appointed by promotion from the department ;

(*c*) how many have been appointed from outside the department ;

(*d*) what are the qualifications prescribed for appointment of Inspectors in the Excise Department;

(*e*) what are the qualifications of those appointed as Inspectors from outside the department; and

(*f*) how many persons employed in other departments have applied for the Excise Inspector's post ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) 27.

(*b*) 22.

(*c*) 5.

(*d*) No special qualifications have been prescribed except the minimum one of S. S. L. C.

(*e*) One is an M. A. & LL. B. One is a B. A. & B. L. Three are holders of S. S. L. C.

(*f*) 3.

Statement, by caste, of Excise Inspectors newly appointed.

2. **Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Inspectors appointed in the Excise Department as a result of the re-organisation of the department ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : A * statement is laid on the table.

Taluks having no Debt Conciliation Boards.

3. **Mr. K. R. Elankath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of taluks which have not been brought within the jurisdiction of any of the Debt Conciliation Boards; and

(*b*) the reasons for the same ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Nedumangad, Pathanapuram, Shencotta, Mavelikara, Karunagapalli, Kunnathur, Devicolam, Peermade, and Kartikapalli except the pakuthies of Kumarapuram and Veeyapuram.

(*b*) There is no special reason. The taluks of Mavelikara, Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli are proposed to be brought under the jurisdiction of the Boards shortly.

State Transport Department.

4. **Mr. K. R. Elankath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

* *Vide* Appendix VI—page 582.

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(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding overloading in buses run by the State Transport Department ;

(*b*) whether the Police Department has any control as regards the traffic conducted by the State Transport Department;

(*c*) whether there is any Regulation to control the service run by the State Transport Department;

(*d*) whether the drivers whose licences and badges stand cancelled by the Traffic Police authorities have been appointed as drivers in the State Transport Department;

(*e*) whether preference has been given to drivers and conductors employed in companies that were running the motor services on the M. S. road, when recruitment was made to the Transport Department; and

(*f*) the number of fresh hands taken as drivers and conductors and their proportion to those referred to in part (*e*) ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes. The Travancore Motor Vehicles Regulation.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Preference has been shown in the case of drivers, but in the case of conductors their qualification was found to be quite inadequate and hence they were recruited as parcel clerks.

(*f*) No fresh drivers were recruited.

Corruption among conductors in the State Transport Department.

5. **Mr. K. R. Elankath**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there has been any complaint of corruption or malpractice among conductors employed in the State Transport;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the corruption or malpractice; and

(*c*) the action taken against the offenders ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) No,

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

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